

The Amelia: Emerging Professionals – Youth Photographer Placement

Are you passionate about photography? Want real experience, paid creative work, and the chance to learn from professionals? This opportunity might be perfect for you.

At *The Amelia*, we're committed to supporting the next generation of creatives. Our **Emerging Professionals** programme helps local young people get hands-on experience in the cultural and creative industries, with real skills, real opportunities, and real impact.

About the Placement

We're launching a **6-month paid Youth Photographer placement** and are looking for someone aged **14–25** who loves taking photos and wants to grow their skills.

The Amelia runs loads of different events, from Baby Rhyme Times, to author talks, craft workshops, gallery openings, and even park safaris. As our Youth Photographer, you'll get the chance to:

- Photograph **8–10 events** across our programme
- Shadow and learn directly from **professional photographers**
- Capture events from **your own creative perspective**
- Build your portfolio with real commissioned work
- Develop your confidence, skills, and experience — and get paid for it

Who We're Looking For

No previous professional experience needed. Seriously. All you need is:

- A keen eye for a great shot
- Some basic photography skills
- Enthusiasm and willingness to learn

Please note: This placement is for emerging young people only, not established professionals. A “professional” is someone with **5+ years of paid photography experience**.

Time Commitment

- **8 to 10 events** between April and September 2026. These events will be selected in partnership with yourselves and the Amelia.
- **In-person expected minimum attendance for one hour at each event** and editing to take place at home.
- A briefing document will be sent prior to each event and follow up call post receiving photos.

This opportunity is **paid** at £500. We are committed to paying artists fairly, and our fees are guided by Artists' Union England recommended rates.

How to Apply

- Fill out our short application form ([The Amelia: Emerging Professionals – Youth Photographer Placement – Fill out form](#)) and follow the instructions **3 photos you're most proud of**.
- Tell us a little about each one, what you captured, why you chose it, or what it means to you.
- Interviews will take place **the week of 6th April 2026**.

If you're **under 18**, please make sure you have a parent or guardian's permission before applying.

If you have any questions regarding the role, or your application, please contact:
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